

J. Louis La Bruce). She died August 24, 1901, leaving two small children. The other sisters have each a number of children. Mrs. Stokes still lives.

6. Sarah comes next. She married Major M. Jackson Kearse, and died in 1877, leaving no children. She was much like her mother, a singularly pure and sweet spirit.

7. Then was born Susan, who married Rev. Addison P. Martin of the S. C. Conference, and died young, leaving one son, Rev. James O. Martin of the Baptist church in Laurens county, S. C. Mrs. Susan Stokes Martin is said to have possessed "considerable literary aptitude and ability."

8. The youngest child was Rev. Andrew Jackson Stokes, D. D., of the S. C. Conference since 1859, and now (1903) Presiding Elder of the Florence District. He first married Margaret, daughter of Rev. Dr. Whitefoord Smith of the Conference. They have a number of children. A. J. Stokes, Jr., Whitefoord S. Stokes, M. D., of the Conference, and H. Beverly Stokes of Charleston, are living sons. J. Edwin, a noble boy, looking forward to the ministry, died in early manhood. Mamie (Mrs. Frank P. Cooper) was a daughter, who died in middle life leaving the memory of a beautiful walk and conversation. Dr. A. J. Stokes married, the second time, Miss Sallie A. G., daughter of Rev. Samuel Wragg Capers of the Conference, whose only child, Lalla, is married to Rev. W. C. Kirkland of the Conference. There have been seven members of the Conference from our family, and two wives of preachers—a good representation. Another member of the Conference, is of our name and lineage, Rev. Henry Stokes of Yorkville.

Col. Benjamin Stokes, my father, was born March 18, 1825, and went, "without fear and without reproach," to his eternal reward June 6, 1903. He enjoyed the advantage of the best schools in the country, and also studied for a year in Charleston, S. C. He was endowed with a strong and original mind. He held, however, to the old Southern ideal of the simple gentleman, never pushing himself, but content to meet the responsibilities and accept the honors of life as

My old teacher